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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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for entry in the register
pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the unwarranted closure of Radio Radicale

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The European Parliament,

- A - having learned with regret of the order issued by the Italian Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications for the suspension of broadcasting by Radio Radicale¹,
- B - whereas Radio Radicale has enjoyed 4 years of undisturbed activity, transmitting live broadcasts of the sittings of the Chamber of Deputies, thus filling a serious gap, the responsibility for which lies with the state radio and television services,
- C - aware both of the vital importance of safeguarding and not suppressing the right of the public to information and of the need to defend the right to be informed, and most of all directly informed, of the conduct of the lawful representatives of the people,
- D - whereas the broadcasts are not received over all of the national territory, as has been alleged by the competent authorities, but rather in individual provinces thereby leaving entire regions uncovered,
- E - whereas there is no law governing the activity of private radio and television stations in Italy, due to government dilatoriness which is damaging to the freedom of expression of minority groups,
- F - whereas finally the regional administrative court opportunely suspended the enforceability of the ministerial order, judging it to be illegal,

1. CALLS FOR THE IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS UNJUST ORDER OF THE MINISTRY OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS;
2. INSTRUCTS ITS PRESIDENT TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES, TO THE EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT.

¹ Radio station run by the Italian Radical Party (PR)